

## PICKING WINNERS FOR POLO TROPHY

Expert Says Milburn, Stoddard, Webb and Stevenson Show International Form.

By J. C. COOLEY.

The practice matches in that series of games to determine what players shall represent America against Great Britain at Hurlingham next June have been going on at the Meadow Brook Club for the past three weeks.

It is far too early to form as yet an opinion as to what is the strongest combination this country can put in the field to meet the pick of the players of the British Isles. But the very cause that makes it impossible as yet to formulate any very decided opinion strengthens one in the belief that one thing is imperative. And that thing is that plenty of men, practical as substitutes and as such accompany the team across next year.

Until this past week Devereux Milburn, acknowledged to be the finest player in the international team, has been able to play but very little in these international workouts. The reason for his absence is an injury he received to his knee in the semi-final game for the Meadow Brook Club cups, played in June. The accident, brought by a staggering piece of bad luck, repeated next June. It would hurt our chances very badly if such a thing happened, but it need not necessarily ruin them.

C. Rumsby, who has been playing the best game of his life this year, and who is certainly one of the greatest and most aggressive forwards that we have, was out of the game yesterday owing to a bad leg. Folo, as every one who has watched it knows, is not the gentlest game in the world, and it is certainly good judgment to be prepared for contingencies so far as it is possible to do so.

The strongest combination that has yet played together is that which got together this last week. At one was L. E. Stoddard, who played so brilliantly for America in the international matches of 1912. At two was the left handed player J. W. Webb, who has been playing with brilliancy and precision all season. At three was Malcolm Stevenson, and regarding his team this year it is necessary to say a word.

Rated at Nine Goals.

He is one of the highest handicapped men in the country, being rated at nine goals. There is not the slightest doubt that if by the opinion of ten competent judges had been asked at the beginning of the season who would be the three on next year's international team, at least seven of the ten would have picked Stevenson. And they would have done so very rightly. In that big match at Meadow Brook last August, played for charity between Meadow Brook and Rockaway, Stevenson, who played on the latter team, gave an extraordinary exhibition of brilliancy combined with rock-like steadiness.

But this year, until the last week, Stevenson has been away below his form. At no time has he put up a game which by the widest stretch of the imagination could be called first class. He has been slow and poky, and has had no snap at all to his strokes or to his general play.

Last Wednesday, however, there was a different story to tell. He played throughout the afternoon with all his old time confidence, and was passing the ball up to his forwards and covering Milburn in a highly satisfactory way.

From the beginning of the international practice Stevenson has been actually mounted, no man better, as he has had some of the best of Mr. Whitely's string, and on Wednesday he had that grand mare Sonora, belonging to Mr. Strawbridge of Philadelphia.

At back on this team was Milburn, and of course concerning his play it is not necessary to make any comments at all. For not only is he an extraordinarily high class player, but apparently he never seems to fall very much below his best form. Other players have their off days, but it is the rarest thing in the world to see Milburn playing anything at the highest type of game.

At the highest type of game, and at the supreme moments, as in the last of the two international games of 1914, he becomes the superman of polo.

The team that these four men beat so easily last Wednesday consisted of Rumsby, Hitchcock, Hopping and J. C. Cowdin. In four periods these last men scored over a score of 6 to 0. Deceptive as this score is, it does not really mean as much as it might. In the first place Rumsby went into the game with a bad leg, and his play suffered in consequence. He has been hitting the ball and clearing the way for his number two as well as in any man playing the position, but in this game he did neither. The game that he played last Wednesday should be thrown out of all calculations in considering his chances.

When a number one is not performing his duties as he should the game of the number two behind him suffers in consequence, as the ball is constantly being backed away from him by the opposing back. Consequently Hitchcock did not have, in these first four periods, the chances that he should have had. At three Hopping was so poorly mounted, from an international standpoint, that he did not have the ghost of a show with Webb, who is as sharp as well mounted as any man playing today.

Cowdin at His Best.

Cowdin, at back, played the best game I have ever seen him put up. He was as steady as a rock, and whenever he had the chance was coming through. He did not get all the opportunity in the world to get away from Mr. Stoddard, but he slipped him at times and saved a lot of goals for his side.

But the way the Milburn team played together is what was most satisfying about the whole thing, and that of course was largely due to the excellent work of Stevenson, concerning which comment has already been made. If the three in a week the whole team falls down. The back is always on the defensive, and the forwards are always coming back into the game. Such tactics, as can readily be seen, run any attack, and without attack no team can win first class matches.

What we want to send to England is a strong, aggressive team that from the start will commence attacking. I believe we have it in the four that played together last Wednesday, and I think we would have it with another combination that might be called on before the matches were over.

I have mentioned the possibility of accidents, and it would be utterly ridiculous not to make some provision for anything that may occur. The finest young player that we have in America, and for that matter, one of the finest players of any age, is Tommy Hitchcock, Jr. There is no one with a greater wall-pot and none, with the exception of Milburn, that gets anything like the distance he does to his near side back strokes. Wouldn't it be good policy to let this brilliant young player play back at times to these other men who will in all probability play in the other positions? It seems a waste of wonderful fighting, aggressive ability not to have Hitchcock in the game from the start. But he cannot be given with the precision of Webb and he has not as yet the latter's judgment and poise.

But there is no one else to take Milburn's place, and there is no one else so comparable to our foremost player in power in the back field. I can think of no greater complement than this.

## EATONTOWN WINS CONTEST AT POLO

Defeats Whippany River in Monmouth Cup Tourney.

RUMSON, N. J., July 31.—In the closest game thus far played in the Rumson Country Club polo tournament the Eatontown Club team defeated the Whippany River four on Herbert Field today by the score of 10 goals to 5.

This was the semi-final match for the Monmouth county cup. The final game is scheduled for Monday between Eatontown and West Point.

Eatontown gained a lead of 5 to 1 in the first half. Whippany River braced in the first part of the second half and called two goals. With the score 5 to 1 in Eatontown's favor it was either team's game at the end of the sixth chukker. Eatontown rallied in the last two periods, scoring two goals in each, at the same time preventing Whippany River from tallying.

Whippany River was materially strengthened by G. A. Galen, who took R. A. Granville's place, and by Manton B. Metcalf, who substituted for Dr. J. D. Richards.

In the final chukker M. B. Metcalf was mounted when his pony slipped and fell, but he escaped injury. A. W. Kinney was hit in the chin with the polo ball but was not seriously hurt.

The lineup:

Pos. Player H'dcp. Pos. Player H'dcp.  
1. R. L. Leiman, 0.1 Geo. C. Sherman, 2  
2. H. M. Wynn, 0.2 H. R. Ross, 2  
3. A. W. Kinney, 0.3 G. A. Galen, 4  
4. Jack C. S. Lee, 0.4 Black M. B. Metcalf, 1

Total..... 9 Total..... 9  
Goals—Eatontown—Winn, 6; Kinney, 2  
Lee, 1; Leiman, 1. Total 10. Whippany  
River—Sherman, 3; Galen, 1; Ross, 1. Total  
Referee—Col. Howard S. Jordan, and  
Harry East, Time—J. W. Brown.

**HANLON MEMORIAL  
FOR TORONTO EIGHT**  
University Varsity Wins Big Race at Canadian Henley.

St. CATERINES, Ont., July 31.—Toronto University's varsity eight today captured the Hanlon Memorial Trophy in the senior eight oared class, premier event of the Royal Canadian Henley regatta. An accident forced the Detroit crew last year's winner of the trophy, to retire from the race after covering half of the course. The Argonaut Rowing Club's No. 1 crew, the Lincoln Park Rowing Club of Chicago third.

The winning crew raced under the colors of the Argonaut Rowing Club. The University of Toronto team, the Chicago crew put up a game fight. Getting away to a poor start they spurred until they were even with the Toronto varsity, but fell back through the last half and the Argonauts beat them out.

American oarsmen won their first final this afternoon in the senior tuck weights eight oared event when the Detroit crew beat out their Canadian opponents.

P. J. Mulgrew, president of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen, announced before the start of the senior four race this afternoon that the committee would pick the best crew as the Canadian Olympic representatives.

Bob Dibble, Canadian champion single sculler, won the senior quarter-mile event. El. R. Butler, Argonaut Rowing Club, Toronto; F. L. Finlay, Don R. C.; Johnny Durman, Argonaut R. C.; E. B. Salem, Lincoln Park R. C. Chicago, finished in the order named. Dibble finished across the line two feet ahead of Butler.

The Detroit Rowing Club won the senior 140 pound eight event by about ten lengths. The Argonaut Rowing Club of Toronto finished second and the Don Rowing Club, also of Toronto, third. The Detroit Maiden eight and the Ottawa eight were entered but withdrew.

The Argonaut Rowing Club, composed of the University of Toronto team, and their clubmates, Argonaut No. 1 team, across the line by two lengths in the senior eight race. The Lincoln Park Rowing Club of Chicago was a length and a half behind the second crew.

**TROTTING AT MINNEOLA.**  
Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD.  
MINNEOLA, L. I., July 31.—All seven races at the matinee of the Nassau Driving Club today were closely contested. Miss Clea Brook won the three-year-old trot in clever fashion and when pushed always had just enough to stall off a challenge. Summaries:

Two-year-old trot.  
Nassau, the great br. (C. Welland) 1 1  
Amma Brook, b. f. (W. Hart) 1 2  
Vindicta Harvester, b. f. (S. Shae) 2 2  
Time, 2:30, 2:31, 2:32 1/2.

Three-year-old trot.  
Huxter, the great br. (W. J. O'Neil) 2 1  
Confection, b. f. (S. Funnell) 1 2  
Scotch, br. g. (S. Nolan) 3 3  
Bobby Moreland, b. g. (J. Dwyer) 4 4  
Morris Bend, b. h. (C. W. Williams) 5 5  
Time, 2:30, 2:31, 2:32 1/2.

Three-year-old trot.  
Wideman, b. h. (G. D. Deane) 1 1  
Anna Golden, b. f. (S. Funnell) 2 2  
Badona, b. m. (G. Van Opstal) 3 3  
Peter Wilkes, b. g. (J. Perricone) 4 4  
Time, 2:37 1/2, 2:38.

Three-year-old trot.  
Salsam, br. g. (G. Muns) 1 1  
Duke, b. h. (W. Thomas) 2 2  
Hiret Aquilan, b. m. (J. P. Kennedy) 3 3  
Belair, br. g. (J. J. Loney) 4 4  
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Time, 2:30, 2:31, 2:32 1/2.

Three-year-old trot.  
Newburn, b. h. (H. G. Curran) 1 1  
Jim, br. g. (S. Funnell) 2 2  
Oakland Ford, b. ch. h. (P. Conroy) 3 3  
Lyndbrook Belle, br. m. (D. Whaley) 4 4  
Steve Brock, b. g. (J. Dwyer) 5 5  
Time, 2:25, 2:25 1/2.

Three-year-old trot.  
Rimney McGregor, b. g. (P. Nuhn) 1 1  
Oradine, ch. h. (W. Quill) 2 2  
Kelley, b. g. (W. J. Benson) 3 3  
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Time, 2:30, 2:30 1/2.

Three-year-old trot.  
Miss Clea Brook, b. f. (H. Hoffner) 1 1  
Major Brock, b. g. (C. Welland) 2 2  
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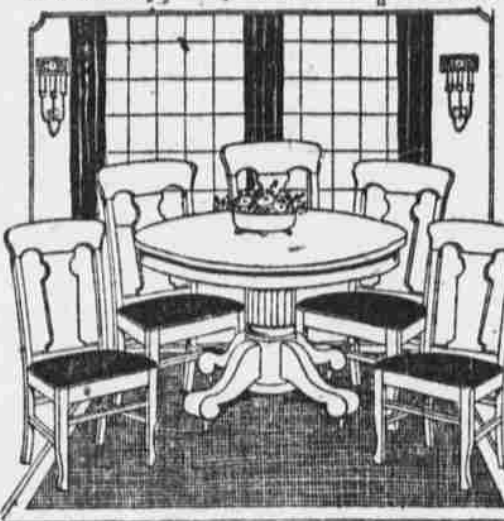
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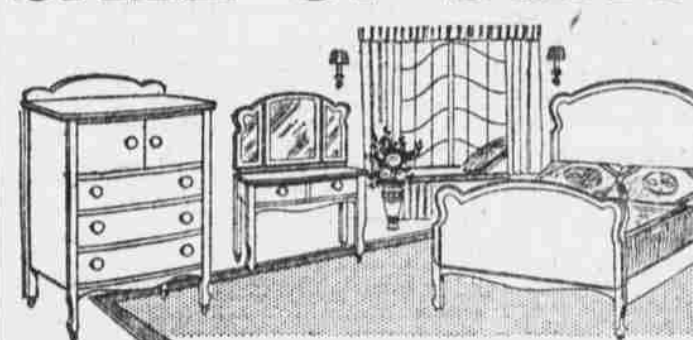
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